

JANE HARMAN
38TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA



DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

COMMITTEES

ENERGY AND COMMERCE

SUBCOMMITTEES:

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND THE INTERNET

COMMERCE, TRADE AND CONSUMER
PROTECTION

ENVIRONMENT AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE
ON INTELLIGENCE

SUBCOMMITTEES:

TERRORISM AND HOMELAND SECURITY
RANKING MEMBER

TECHNICAL AND TACTICAL INTELLIGENCE

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0536

WASHINGTON OFFICE
229 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515
(202) 225-8220
Fax: (202) 226-7290

DISTRICT OFFICE:
811 NORTH CATALINA AVENUE
SUITE 1302
REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277
(310) 372-1800
Fax: (310) 372-1822

Website: www.house.gov/harman
E-mail: jane.harman@mail.house.gov

December 19, 2002

RECEIVED

JAN - 6 2003

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

99-200

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Petition of the California Public Utilities Commission for Authority to Implement Technology-Specific **Overlays**; Petition of the California Public Utilities Commission for Waiver of the Federal Communications Commission's Contamination Threshold Rule, CC Docket No. 99-200

Dear **Ms.** Dortch:

On **November 25** concerned small business owners, residents, senior citizens, and advocates for the disabled and AIDS patients participated in a Town Meeting on the proposals to avoid a geographic split to area code 310 put forth by the California Public Utilities Commission and referenced above. This meeting put a "human face" on the problem of area code exhaust.

Following this event, I am continuing to receive correspondence from constituents opposing an area code split and supporting the CPUC. Please include selections from this material, which I am forwarding to you, in the record of this proceeding.

Sincerely,


JANE HARMAN
Member of Congress

Cc: Diane Griffin
Attachments as stated

No. of Copies rec'd
List ABCDE

001/28/2001 14:27

310-375-1373

REDUNDANT CHAPTER

PAGE 02

Page 1 of 1

Maureen

From: Marilyn Crouch [ayes2org@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2001 11:04 PM
To: Maureen@redondachamber.org
Subject: Comments on the 310 Area Code Issue For Forwarding

As a now small business owner who has been working on networking for my business for the last 9 months, I would be greatly affected by an area code change. In fact, at this point in time, I do not have the funds to make the changes that would be required if the area code changed. I think an area code change would most effect small businesses who have not budgeted or have the funds to pay for the expenses that they would incur to accommodate a area code change, for the following reasons:

- All of the work that I've put into getting my contact information out to various contacts who may call me sometime in the future, will not have my current contact information.
- I would have to have all of my stationary, brochures, flyers, magnet signs, promotional material, and business cards redone - this would be a large expense for a small business owner - I couldn't afford it right now.
- I will be listed in the Yellow Pages for the first time and pay a considerable amount to be listed - if the area code change took place, I would now be paying for the Yellow Pages listing that wasn't stating my correct phone number - this would be a huge disadvantage for me and I would be wasting money paying for the ad; I am committed to pay for the ad for 12 months.
- I am also a part of an association for my profession and would now have out of date information in their directory that is only printed once per year.

I believe that a change in area code would be detrimental to me as a small business owner. I support all efforts to stop the change of the 310 area code. Possibly the cell phones, internet providers, etc. who need these new phone lines should be given a specific area code for those types of services and then the residents and business owners would not be expected to have to absorb the cost of an area code change to accommodate the big businesses! A change in area code would be detrimental to me as a small business owner!

Marilyn Crouch
Avenue To Organization
Business Order And Peace of Mind
Tel: 310-375-9927
Fax: 310-375-5287
E-mail: ayes2org@earthlink.net
Web: www.organizing4you.com

8/28/2001

Attachment 4



TRW Space & Electronics
Group

One Space Park
Redondo Beach, CA 90278
310.812.4321

August 31, 2001

The Honorable Jane Harman
Member of Congress
229 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ms. Harman:

Like many businesses in the South Bay of Los Angeles, we are concerned about the decisions being made regarding the 310 area code. While we understand that there is a shortage of telephone numbers in the 310 area code, we do not feel that an area code split is a solution to the problem.

The implications of a split to businesses are huge. The change causes business disruption, a potential loss of customer contact, and is very costly. Our estimation is that the implementation of an area code change would cost us nearly one half million dollars. This follows a split that occurred in 1991 that was just as, if not more, costly to us. And, at this point, we don't have any assurances that we would not be faced with another change in the next few years. How long can anyone expect businesses to continually take on costs and impacts like this and still remain in business?

We encourage the Commerce Committee, the FCC, and any others who might be able to impact decisions regarding area codes to consider all of the impacts to business very carefully. Area code splits are not the answer. The possibility of a technology overlay gives us all the ability to keep our current numbers and assign a different area code to unseen numbers, such as ATMs. This is helpful and permits us to retain our current numbers, but as we understand, is only a temporary solution. A long-term solution to the area code problem needs to be found and implemented before we are faced with these same issues again in five years.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McClain
Director, Communications

Attachment 5

TRW Inc.



CITY OF

*Palos Verdes Estates*OFFICE OF
THE MAYOR

September 4, 2001

Congresswoman Jane Harman
229 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 200515

Re: Area Code Hearing

Dear Congresswoman Harman:

On behalf of the City of Palos Verdes Estates, I would like to express our view of what the proposed area code change would mean to our city. As you know, it has been nearly ten years since the 213 area code was split to 310. Four and one-half years ago, Long Beach and Eastern Los Angeles were carved out into the 562 area code. Now, the CPUC is recommending a split in the 310 area code along Imperial Highway and Interstate 105, which would place all customers south of that boundary in a newly created 424 area code.

Each of these area code splits represents an onerous financial burden and disruption to the businesses and residents in the affected areas. Small businesses are particularly impacted and are forced to reprint all of their stationery, public relations information, and business cards to prevent losing customers and clients. Residents too must notify friends and relatives and update all information on personal stationery, bank checks, credit cards, and business contacts.

Palos Verdes Estates would support a service or technology specific overlay that would allow businesses and residents to continue using the 310 area code while assigning a new number to so-called "hidden" lines including data lines, ATM machines, and if necessary, cell phones and pagers. This seems to be a more reasonable approach, particularly since it is expected that the State of California will run out of area codes within two years.

I urge you to work to seek a compromise between the FCC, CPUC and the various segments of the telecommunications industry to slow down or prevent unnecessary area code splits. Your efforts on our behalf are greatly appreciated, and I look forward to a favorable outcome.

Sincerely,

John E. Flood
John E. Flood

Attachment 2

Post Office Box 1086, Palos Verdes Estates, California 90274-0285
340 Palos Verdes Drive West, Palos Verdes Estates, California 310-378-0383

Dec-09-02 01:05P R.B. CITY COUNCIL 6 MGR. 1-310-937 6608

P.01



Office of the City Manager

415 Diamond Street, P.O. Box 270
Redondo Beach, California 90277-0270
www.redondo.orgtel 310 372 1171
fax 310 379-4268

December 6, 2002

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Numbering Resources Optimization: SUPPORT for Petition of the California Public Utilities Commission for Authority to Implement Technology-Specific Overlay Area Codes; and Petition of the California Public Utilities Commission for Waiver of the Federal Communication Commission's Contamination Threshold Rule, CC Docket No. 99-200.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Redondo Beach, California, to urge the FCC to grant the petitions filed by the California Public Utilities Commission as soon as possible.

Over the past several years, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Redondo Beach have consistently and unanimously voiced concern and opposition with regard to proposals to split the 310 area code in Southern California. At the same time, they have continued to support alternative solutions, such as the technology overlay, which would spare our residents and businesses the adverse effects of telephone numbering changes.

Please consider this letter as part of the record in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

LOUIS N. GARCIA
City Manager

mth

cc: Rep. Jane Harman (CA-36), Washington, D.C. ←

FROM : PALOS VERDES CHAMBER COMMERCE PHONE NO. : 310 377 0614 Sep. 04 2001 04:22PM P1

AREA CODE HEARING

jane.harman@mail.house.gov, 02:55 PM 9/4/01 -8700, 310/424

To: jane.harman@mail.house.gov
From: PVP Chamber of Commerce <chamber@palosverdes.com>
Subject: 310/424
Cc: marcmass@earthlink.net
Bcc:
Attached:

Dear Congresswoman Harman:

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce represents four cities and over 350 businesses. In addition, there are 15 incorporated cities in the South Bay, the population is over 750,000 and there are more than 55,000 businesses. Representatives have attended FCC and CPUC meetings to protest this latest area code change from 310 to 424. A change in area code would cause financial hardship to both residents and businesses. The need to design and re-print advertising, stationery, business cards and disruption of long distance business are just a few of the negative financial results of area code changes.

This is not the first time the South Bay has been faced with an area code split. We know how residents and businesses are impacted. We've been there!

Thank you for representing the South Bay on this important issue.

Carol Ritscher
President/CEO

Sorry - but there is no blue "mailto:" icon on house.gov/harman web page

Harrison, Gina

From; Cong. Jane Harman
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2002 4:01 PM
To: Harrison, Gina
Subject: FW: Area Code 310

----- Forwarded by Intranet Quorum -----

From: Web forms <webforms@www6.house.gov>
 To: harmaninfo@mail.house.gov
 cc:
 Date: 12/10/2002 7:03:49 PM
 Subject: Area Code 310

December 10, 2002

Reference: CC Docket 99-2000

Dear Federal Communications Commission:

I wish to file my comments concerning extending the 310 Area Code. AS the Mayor of the City of Torrance from 1988-2002, I have testified several times and written many letters on this issue.

While preventing number hoarding by the cellular telephone companies as was done a few years ago for the regular telephone companies seems like a simple solution, I remember how hard everyone worked to make that a reality with the regular telephone companies. Area Code 310 may run out of time before that can be accomplished.

I would suggest that the FCC implement a technology overlay area code as recommended by the California PUC. That option has been suggested by the South Bay Cities for a number of years and politically should be acceptable by all.

Thank you to Congresswoman Jane Harman for arranging a discussion meeting on this issue here in the South Bay with the participation of FCC Commissioner Michael Copps and Loretta Lynch, President of the California PUC

I appreciate the opportunity to file my comments.

Sincerely,

Dee Hardison,
 Former Mayor of Torrance, CA

----- Original Formatted Message Starts Here =====

<APP>CUSTOM
 <PREFIX>Mrs.</PREFIX>
 <FIRST>Dee</FIRST>
 <LAST>Hardison</LAST>
 <ADDR1>2024 W. 236th Street</ADDR1>
 <ADDR2></ADDR2>
 <CITY>Torrance</CITY>
 <STATE>CA</STATE>
 <ZIP>90501</ZIP>
 <EMAIL>ldhardison@earthlink.net</EMAIL>
 <ISSUE>Area Code 310</ISSUE>
 <MSG>December 10, 2002

Reference: CC Docket 99-2000

Dear Federal Communications Commission:

I wish to file ~~my~~ comments concerning ~~extending~~ the 310 Area Code. As the Mayor of the City of Torrance from 1986-2002, i have testified ~~several~~ times and written many ~~letters~~ on this ~~issue~~.

While preventing number hoarding by the cellular telephone companies as was done a few years ago for the regular telephone companies seems like a simple solution, I remember how hard everyone worked to make that a reality with the regular telephone companies. Area Code 310 may run out of time before that can be accomplished.

I would suggest that the FCC implement a technology overlay area ~~mde~~ as recommended by the California PUC. That option ~~has~~ been suggested by the South Bay Cities for a number of years and politically should be acceptable by all.

Thank you to Congresswoman Jane Harman for arranging a discussion meeting an this issue here in the South Bay with the participation of FCC Commissioner Michael Copps and Loretta Lynch, President of the California PUC.

I appreciate the opportunity to file my comments.

Sincerely,

Dee Hardison.
former Mayor of Torrance, CA</MSG>
</APP>



CITY OF TORRANCE

DEE HARDISON
MAYOR

September 4, 2001
VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

The Honorable Jane Harman
229 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Harman:

I am in receipt of your request to provide you with costs that an area code change would impose on businesses. It is anticipated that this information will be helpful to you when you meet with the Telecommunication and Internet Subcommittee of the House Commerce Committee.

The City of Torrance would incur costs of approximately \$55,000 to \$70,000 dollars in the event of an area code change. This cost would include the upgrading and reprogramming of the City's telephones, computer servers, etc. as well as changing the City's letterhead, business cards and all printed material issued by the City such as posters, brochures, etc.

In order to determine the costs that local businesses would incur should there be an area code split, the City enlisted the help of the South Bay Economic Development Partnership, a private partnership of businesses serving the South Bay communities of Los Angeles County. The partnership asked its members to calculate the cost they would incur as a result of an area code split. Based on the information submitted by the members the following estimates were determined:

- Large firms (500+ employees) would incur costs of approximately \$25,000 to \$75,000.
- Medium size firms (100 to 499 employees) would incur costs of approximately \$15,000 to \$25,000.
- Small firms (less than 100 employees) would incur costs of approximately \$10,000 to \$25,000.

As you know, the City of Torrance is very much opposed to an area code change. We greatly appreciate your commitment and effort in addressing this issue and giving voice to the communities that will be adversely affected should a change occur.

Sincerely,

DEE HARDISON
Mayor

DH:OL:maw

Attachment 3

Harrison, Gina

From: Koehler, Joshua
Sent: Thursday December 12, 2002 5:48
To: Flanders, David; Harrison, Gina
Subject: FW' CC Docket 99-200

-----Original Message-----

From: Lowell A Hardison [mailto:ldhardison@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2002 3:05 PM
To: Harman, Jane
Subject: CC Docket 99-200

December 10, 2002

Reference: CC Docket 99-2000

Dear Federal Communications Commission:

I wish to file my comments concerning extending the 310 Area Code. As the Mayor of the City of Torrance from 1986-2002, I have testified several times and written many letters on this issue.

While preventing number hoarding by the cellular telephone companies as was done a few years ago for the regular telephone companies seems like a simple solution, I remember how hard everyone worked to make that a reality with the regular telephone companies. Area Code 310 may run out of time before that can be accomplished.

I would suggest that the PCC implement a technology overlay area code as recommended by the California PUC. That option has been suggested by the South Bay Cities for a number of years and politically should be acceptable by all.

Thank you to Congresswoman Jane Harman for arranging a discussion meeting on this issue here in the South Bay with the participation of FCC Commissioner Michael Copps and Loretta Lynch, President of the California PUC.

I appreciate the opportunity to file my comments.

Sincerely,

Dee Hardison,
Former Mayor of Torrance, CA